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## **House Democrats Call on Rick Scott to Break His Silence on the CBO's Trumpcare Projections**

**Tallahassee, FL** – Earlier this week, the Congressional Budget Office released its projections for how the proposed American Health Care Act, or Trumpcare, would affect Americans access to quality, affordable healthcare coverage. The [CBO found that under Trumpcare](#), as many as 24 million Americans could become uninsured in the next decade and that premiums for older Americans making just above the poverty line could [skyrocket by 750%](#).

When given the opportunity this week to comment on the plan, Governor Rick Scott [was silent](#) on the proposed law's potentially harmful effects for many Floridians.

“Rather than acting as a leader, the Governor took the path of a typical politician and ducked the question entirely,” declared **House Democratic Leader Janet Cruz**. “If Governor Scott isn’t prepared to defend Trumpcare, he at least owes Floridians an explanation about what exactly he’s been discussing with Republican leadership during his tax-payer funded trips to Washington DC.”

Florida leads the nation in those finding coverage through the insurance exchanges established by the Affordable Care Act, with over [1.6 million Floridians](#) signing up during this year’s open enrollment period.

“Trumpcare would rip the rug out from under the millions of Floridians who have gained access to quality, affordable healthcare under the ACA,” remarked **Representative Daisy Baez**. “This would be incredibly harmful to the overall health and well-being of all Floridians and they deserve to know where Governor Scott stands on this issue.”

The plan will also largely be financed by \$880 billion in cuts to Medicaid, which could have an even greater impact on states, like Florida, that refused the Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act.

“Florida’s Medicaid system is already lacking the resources necessary to provide the level of care our citizens deserve and these proposed cuts would be devastating for our state’s working families,” warned **Representative Nick Duran**. “I would encourage the Governor to consider carefully how many Floridians stand to lose from the proposed billions of dollars in cuts to the Medicaid program.”

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